

# Compost Shed

Herrick Archives Number H 311

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted, for parts of the building:

Paint Shed

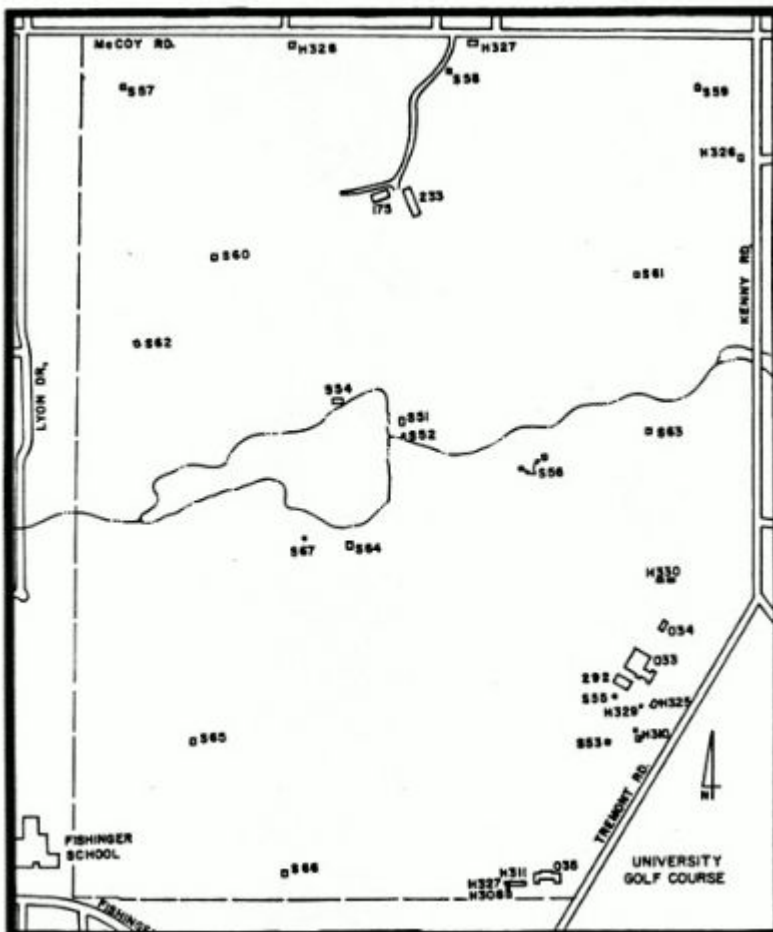
Paint House

Garage

Dirt Shed

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 3485 Tremont Road. See map below.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

#### 3.1 Type of construction:

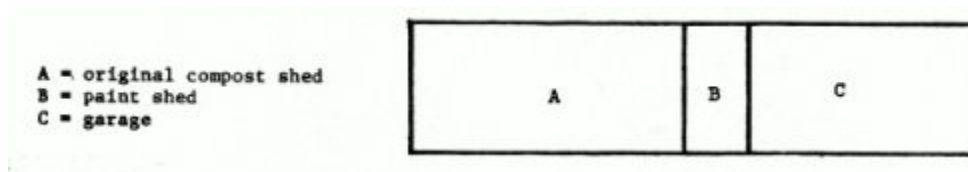
All wood, originally open-sided, but later enclosed.

#### 3.2 No. of Stories:

One

#### 3.3 Increments of construction:

One major addition of a garage section at the east end. Also a paint shed added. See sketch.



#### 3.4 Size of building;

3.4.1 Size of original building not clearly established, but was put in a concrete floor 18' x 40' in 1938 or 1939 (Ra).

3.4.2 The garage floor slab (C in sketch) is still in place: it is 19' x 33'.

3.4.3 Immediately west of the garage slab is an additional 9'8" of concrete, which is said to be the floor of the paint shed.

3.4.4 These three parts add up to a total building about 18-20' wide and 81' long. Some aerial photographs suggest that the building might have been slightly longer, perhaps to a total of 90'.

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. The original building (Section A) was constructed by golf course labor with some WPA assistance (Ra). It appears in an aerial photograph (X1039) probably taken in late 1937, and it also appears in photograph X22659 which bears the date August 18, 1938 on the negative in Photoarchives. Lumber for the building was ordered in late July 1937 (Ra). Thus late 1937 appears to be the date of construction of Section A.

2. Date of the paint shed portion (Section B) is not known. Golf Course Superintendent John S. McCoy in a letter to Athletic Director L. W. St. John dated January 17, 1944 suggested construction of a shop and paint shed (Ra), but the Athletic Board minutes for the meeting on the next day indicate that the project was deferred. Also, McCoy's recollection is that it was deferred. The paint shed apparently was built after 1944, but before Section C was built in 1949, and apparently by golf course labor.

3. The garage portion of the building (Section C) was constructed in 1949 in order to release space in Building 035 for FM transmitting equipment. This conclusion is based on statements by John S. McCoy, David Niemi WOSU, and Chas. Frank Weaver, who was on the Golf Course staff. It is confirmed by an undated map, including the garage addition, which was sent by Golf Course Superintendent Lawrence Huber to Richard Larkins on November 14, 1949 (University Archives).

See Addendum No. 1

### C. DEMOLITION

No record of demolition has been found, but Mr. Joseph Stout, superintendent of golf course, says that the building was demolished upon completion of the new Maintenance Building No. 2 (Building 233), which was assigned for use on April 6, 1962 (P).

### D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X22609 - original compost shed (open)

X22615 - original compost shed (enclosed)

X22613 - original compose shed (enclosed)

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### ADDENDUM NO. 1

The statements in Paragraph 3 of Part B above, relative to the addition to Section C, are confirmed by documents in the University Architect's files on Project 4920. This addition was part of the Joseph Skilken Co. contract for remodeling Building 035 for FM use. Bids were taken on June 21, 1949 and the total project was substantially completed on November 10, 1949.

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